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In the Matter of)	
)	CC Docket No. 95-116
)	NSD-L 98-38
Local Number Portability)	DA 98-1080

COMMENTS OF SPRINT CORPORATION

By Public Notice released June 8, 1998, the Common Carrier Bureau requested comment on a recommendation by the North American Number Counsel ("NANC") regarding the management of high volume call-in or "choke" networks in a local number portability environment. Briefly, NANC has suggested that the NPA-NXXs associated with these "choke networks" be ported without using the Location Routing Number ("LRN") process that is otherwise used where porting is available.

Sprint Corporation ("Sprint") enthusiastically endorses NANC's recommendation on this point and encourages its adoption by the Commission. The original motivator behind the creation of "choke networks" was the need to protect the public switched network during a mass calling event. That same motivation must necessarily be of primary concern as the industry implements local number portability.


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The plan advocated by NANC will permit "choke networks" and LNP to co-exist without overburdening the network. NANC's plan to port the NPA-NXXs numbers associated with a "choke network" without using the LRN process guarantees that customers engaging in mass calling events will have their choice of service provider while, at the same time, protecting the LRN process from possible paralysis during those calling events. Sprint asserts that NANC's recommendation represents a true win-win situation; it will ensure that the network receives the protection it requires, while allowing competition to move forward.

The Commission should adopt NANC's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,
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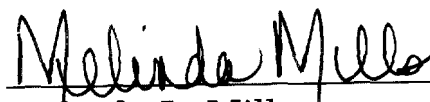
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